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Dear Hal:

Re: the Dallas paper gun ad: You are probably right, in that I will not likely receive a response for the reasons you outlined - Still, it made me feel good to get it off my chest and thereby assuage some of the anger it generated in me. I'll keep you posted.

Re: my Colt dealer status - You may recall that I mentioned we are at present closing out Jodi's Mom & Dads business - That is M&T Sales and yes, they were liscensed and franchised Colt dealers, as well as carrying other sporting goods paraphanelia.

While we await the broadcast facility - many of our side trips to other areas such as Reno & Dallas have been to also attend gun shows, displaying and selling our wares. I must confess I also enjoy trap and skeet and target handgunning - no deer, no birds, nothing "live" mind you.

Aside from that, my greatest field of interest concerns antique (American) and U.S. Commemorative handguns. I'd be happy to tell you all I can about the Savage pistol you referred to in your last letter. However I must know certain facts:

-Exactly what caliber is the weapon?
-How long is the barrel? (Measure from rear end of frame opening where bullet ejects, to tip of barrel). 9 1/2 cm
-Does the hammer show in the rear of the gun?, or is it hammerless?
-What is the guns serial number and where on the weapon is it located? must by research
-What is the condition of the bluing on the gun? (poor/fair/good/excellent).
-Are the grips on the gun "original"? yes
-Do you have the guns original box and literature? Indian wood grips.
-Look the gun over very carefully and t ell me what pictures, engravings and words appear and where?

The .32 you describe was first made around 1907. It was an offshoot of the earlier .45 auto which Savage produced for the military. However some .25 calibers were made and this would be a rare model. The serial # would pin down the production year for us and we can go from there. 11/21/05 patent

I look forward to hearing back and starting the search!